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Re: @ Communications, Inc. v. Carolina Telephone & Telegraph and Central
Telephone Company - Potential Accelerated Docket Matter

Dear Counsel:

On August 16, 2001, @ Communications, Inc. ("@ Comm") requested that the Commission initiate its Accelerated Docket process to resolve a dispute between @ Comm and Carolina Telephone & Telegraph and Central Telephone Company ("Sprint") concerning the cost of transport from points of interconnection between the parties and local calling areas. Sprint provided a written response to @ Comm and the Commission on September 4, 2001. On September 25, 2001, Commission staff conducted a conference with the parties in an effort to mediate the dispute. At the conference, the parties agreed to provide supplemental information to facilitate the staff's analysis of the dispute and attempted mediation.

After reviewing the case pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.730(e), including supplemental information provided by @ Comm on October 8, 2001, and Sprint's response filed on October 16, 2001, Commission staff have determined that @ Comm's claims, as currently framed, are not appropriate for inclusion on the Accelerated Docket.

As discussed with the parties previously, this determination has no bearing on the merits of @ Comm's dispute with Sprint, and @ Comm retains the ability to file a formal complaint under section 208 of the Communications Act utilizing the traditional formal complaint procedures set forth in 47 C.F.R. §§1.720-1.736. If you have further questions, please contact me at (202) 418-7273.

Sincerely,

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